

I would like to comment on Verizon Wireless' petition to kill wireless number portabilty pertaining to Docket No. 01-184.

We can see from this petition, who is making the rules for our country. It is not the people of good old America, but large corporations that have money to influence our rulemakers. It is clearly obvious according to many newspaper articles (ie. Philadelphia Inquirer)and many discussions between co-workers and people in the workforce that keeping one's cell phone number allows the consumer to find the best cellular price plan in a free market. With celluar usage rising everyday, people become very accustomed to their number as one would with a home telephone number or social security number. If America is still the place where us, the hard working tax paying citizens, were able to make the rules, we could see that Verizon's petition to ban wireless number portabilty only benefits themselves and other cellular service providers. Verizon's argument that they would rather spend this money on better service is a farce. Allowing cellular phone users to keep their same cell number will force cellular phone providers to continually upgrade their service for fear of losing existing customers.